



Public Safety Interoperable Communications Office

ICTAP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: 2013 Review; Request for Input Regarding 2014 Requests

September 4, 2013

Background: OEC's Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP) supports and promotes the ability of emergency responders and government officials to:

- Communicate in the event of natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters,
- Accelerate, and attain operable and interoperable emergency communications nationwide.

Technical Assistance (TA) requests are submitted annually by the PSIC Office on behalf of the State.

Review of 2013 Technical Assistance:

- Arizona received three TAs in 2012 for 2013:
 - OP-TTX – Coconino County
 - TRG-COMT: NIMS ICS All-Hazards Communications Unit Technician Course
 - OP-MCUS: Mobile Communications Unit Support - Concept of Operations Document – in progress
 - OP-MCUS: Video SOP Development for Mobile Communications Unit (MCU) – in progress
 - ENG-BRDBND: Outreach, planning, and data collection for Broadband – in progress
- In addition, the City of Yuma received assistance through the Border Interoperability Demonstration Project:
 - TIC-FOG: Tactical Interoperable Communications Field Operations Guide Development
 - OP-FE: Communications-Focused Functional Exercise
 - OP-TEPW: Communications-Focused Exercise Workshop

Guidance for Requesting 2014 Offerings:

2014 TA requests must support identified SCIP initiatives and identified gaps. Each State can apply for up to five (5) TAs. For FY2014, OEC/ICTAP is prioritizing requests in support of the broadband and SCIP goals for multi-state collaboration and preparedness.

2014 TA Request Timeline:

- August 5, 2013: 2013 TA Catalog Released
- August 21, 2013: Catalog sent to PSIC Interested Parties List and posted to www.AZPSIC.gov
- September 4, 2013: SIEC Presentation & Request for Feedback
- September 10, 2013: Final Comments on TAs to be requested due to psic@azpsic.gov
- September 17, 2013: PSCC Presentation & Request for Feedback
- September 23, 2013: Draft TA Request Form submitted to AZDOHS (State SAA) for concurrence
- September 27, 2013: Once concurred with by AZDOHS, PSIC submits completed & prioritized FY2013 TA Request to OEC (for 2014 technical assistance)

Feedback: An analysis of possible TAs to be requested is included in the attached Appendix. Please submit your ideas for Technical Assistance to be requested by Arizona to psic@azpsic.gov by or before September 10, 2013.

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Analysis of SCIP Initiatives and 2014 ICTAP Technical Assistance Offerings

AZ SCIP Governance Initiatives & Potential TAs

1. Expand and Implement Interoperable Voice and Data Communications Governance Model and Plan (Initiative #1), including Annual SCIP Update (1.1); Potential TAs include:
 - GOV-PLAN: Follow-up Statewide Planning Workshop (Pg. 10) – Potential governance planning support for AZ Public Safety Broadband Network (AZPSBN)
2. Develop Regional Communications Governance Structures (Initiative #2), including expanding the use of TICPs and CASM (2.1); Potential TAs include:
 - GOV-ASMT: Assessment of Existing Governance Structures (Pg. 6)
 - GOV-GSM: Development of Governance Structure Models (Pg .9) – Development of Regional Interoperability Committee (RIC)
 - TIC-FOG: Tactical Interoperable Communications Field Operations Guide Development (Pg. 86)
 - TIC-PIW: TICP Implementation Workshop (Pg. 87) – A strong need as identified by NECP Goal Two Assessments.
 - TIC-UPDT: TICP Update Workshop (Pg. 88)
 - RCES-SCMP – Regional Communications Enhancement Support – Strategic Communications Migration Plan (SCMP) (formerly RICP) (Pg. 93)
 - CASM-IMPORT: Data Import/Update (Pg. 99)
3. Implement a Strategy for Supporting National Level Goals Applicable to Regional, State, Local and Tribal Interoperable Communications (Initiative #3); Potential TAs include:
 - TRG-INT: Principles of Interoperability & the NIFOG (Pg. 30)
 - OP-ASMT: Operational Communications Assessments (Pg. 37)
 - BB-BRBND101: Broadband Overview and Education (Pg. 62)
 - BB-BRBNDGOV: Broadband Governance (Pg.63)
 - BB-BRBNDPLAN: Broadband Planning (Pg. 64)

AZ SCIP SOP Initiatives & Potential TAs

4. Establish a PSP Framework and Implement PSPs, including SOPs, for Statewide Interoperable Communications Solutions (Initiative #4); Potential TAs include:
 - GOV-COMUPLAN: COMU Planning and Policies (Pg. 7)
 - SOP-DEV: Development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) / Communications Plans (Pg. 16)
 - TIC-FOG: Tactical Interoperable Communications Field Operations Guide (TICFOG) Development (Pg. 86)

AZ SCIP Technology Initiatives & Potential TAs

5. Enhance & Promote the AIRS Interoperable Communications Solution (Initiative #5); No Potential TAs
6. Upgrade the Statewide Microwave Backbone Infrastructure to Digital Technology (Initiative #7); No Potential TAs.
7. Sustain the State STR (Initiative #8); Potential TAs include:
 - OP-STREMAC: Strategic Technology Reserve Emergency Management Assistance Compact (Pg. 55)
8. Upgrade Operable Communications Systems for State Agencies in Support of Interoperability (Initiative #9); No Potential TAs.
9. Implement, Enhance and Promote Functional Regional Voice and Data Systems in Support of Interoperable Communications (Initiative #6); Potential TAs include:

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- OP-ASMT: Operational Communications Assessments (Pg.34)
- OP-BKUPCOM: Planning for Backup Communications Options (Pg.38)
- ENG-AG: Audio Gateway Information and Training (Pg. 69)
- ENG-DS: Data Systems Interoperability (Pg. 72)
- ENG-MIG: LMR System Migration (Pg. 74)
- ENG-P25W: P25 Land Mobile Radio Workshop (Pg. 78)
- ENG-RP: Radio Programming and Training (Pg. 79)
- ENG-SYS: LMR System Analysis (Pg. 83)

AZ SCIP Training Initiatives & Potential TAs

10. Develop & Implement a Training Plan to Address Interoperable Communications (Initiative #10); including implement the COML / COMT Training Program (10.4, 10.5); Potential TAs include:

[Note: We are planning up to five more COML courses and one more COMT course in 2014 funded by federal grants.]

- GOV-COMUPLAN: COMU Planning and Policies (Pg. 7)
- TRG-AUXCOMM: Auxiliary Communications Workshop (Pg. 19)
- TRG-COML TTT: NIMS ICS All-Hazards Position-Specific Communications Unit Leader Train-The-Trainer (E/L949) (Pg. 23)
- TRG-COMT: All-Hazards Communications Unit Technician (COMT) Course (Pg. 25)
- TRG-COMT TTT: Communications Unit Technician Train-The-Trainer Course (Pg. 27)
- OP-COMLEX: All-Hazards Communications Unit Leader Exercise (Pg. 39)
- OP-COMMEX: Communications Unit Exercise (Pg. 40)

AZ SCIP Exercise Initiatives & Potential TAs

11. Develop and Implement a Strategy for Exercises Focused on or Incorporating Interoperable Communications (Initiative #11); Potential TAs include:

- OP-COMLEX: All-Hazards COML Exercise (Pg. 39)
- OP-EXDESIGN: Communications-Focused Exercise Design (Pg. 42)
- OP-EXTTX: Comm-Focused Executive Tabletop Exercise (Pg. 43)
- OP-MCUS: Mobile Communications Vehicle Support (Pg. 50)
- OP-TEPW: Training and Exercise Plan (T&EP) Workshop (Pg. 57)
- OP-TTX: Communications-Focused Tabletop Exercise (TX) (Pg. 59)

AZ SCIP Outreach & Usage Initiatives & Potential TAs & Special Offerings

12. Create & Implement Educ. & Outreach Plan (Initiative #12) – No Potential TAs

Special Offerings; Potential TAs include:

- SPCL-PRJMGMT: Public Safety Communications Project Management (Pg. 71)
- SPCL-TRBL: Native American Public Safety Communications Needs (Pg. 72)